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SENATOR BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. President, members of the body. Senator Wesely, I have a question.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator Wesely, will you yield?

SENATOR WESELY: Yes.

SENATOR ROBINSON: And I agree with what Senator Hilgert is saying, but is there...as far as income of a family, how does that work into this? I can see, you know, a person might have...be worth \$100,000 a year in income. Would they get this, too? I guess that's a question that I have.

SENATOR WESELY: We didn't...because there was so few involved, we ended up not having an income test, a means test, to the program, but what we also did is we don't cover the full cost. We cover up to \$2,000 on the food supplement, and that's the minimal amount they'll spend. A family will spend, depending on the age of the child, up to 6,000 more a year. So we're not covering everything. We're going to cover a piece of it. It'll help a little bit, but they're still going to have to pick up some of the cost.

SENATOR ROBINSON: But couldn't some of the families...I mean, they...where they might...it might be where they might need more support, too,...

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SENATOR ROBINSON: ...when you get down to the lower end of it?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, you're right about that. It...our solution wasn't to go into a means test but cap the amount that they received, but that was agreeable to the families involved.

SENATOR ROBINSON: What's the most that they would...most money that they would need over a year?